GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH FAMILY WELFARE
Ponnuswamy Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to allow Public-Private-Participation (PPP) in Health & Family Welfare Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Multi National Companies (MNCs) and Corporate Medical Houses have been permitted to open small Clinics, Hospitals, Labs, etc. throughout the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government is contemplating to evolve a New National Health and Family Welfare Policy; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) The National Health Policy 2002 emphasises the need for standards in the private sector.The Framework for Implementation of the National Rural Health Mission approved by the Union Government in 2006 allows for partnerships with the non-governmental sector for achievement of public health goals.

(c)&(d) Health is a State subject and regulation of Private Clinics/Hospitals/Labs is as per regulations established by State Governments.

(e)&(f) The National Health Policy 2002 has already laid down the role for the private sector and the need for regulations to enforce quality and standards.The Framework for Implementation of the National Rural Health Mission has also provided for pro-people partnerships with non-governmental sector for public health goals.